Environmental impact of disappearance of wells in Kerala

2180. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a strange phenomena of disappearance of wells in several parts of Kerala has been brought to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government consider to conduct any study to find out environmental, ecological and geological impact of the phenomena?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Open-well collapses have occurred in several localities across the State of Kerala during the month of June, 2001. Teams of Scientists from different organizations have conducted investigations in various parts of the State and have submitted a report providing a detailed account of their findings related to geological, mircoseismic and other aspect of the problem.

Restructuring the posts of IFS

† 2181. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question-1490, given in Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2001 and state:

(a) by when the process for restructuring posts in the IFS would be completed; and

(b) the reasons for not linking the posts filling under the Central Government with it?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Finalisation of Cadre review proposals, wherever due, would depend upon receipt of proposals from the State Governments concerned. Of the 24 State Cadres of the IFS, though the review has become due in 16 cases, proposals have been received

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.